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FINANCIAL CRUNCH IN ASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India is facing severe financial crunch and the conservation work of monuments across the country is getting badly neglected;

(b) if so, the detailed reasons therefor; and;

(c) the details of steps being taken to augment the financial resources of the ASI so that the ancient monuments of national and international importance are properly preserved and protected?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Archaeological Survey of India is carrying out conservation, preservation and & environment development of centrally protected monuments across the country

(b) as per the resources available. However, considering the enormity of the task entrusted in the field of conservation and integrated development of protected monuments, additional funds are required.

(c) Need based requirement of funds for the ASI has been projected in the 11th Five Year Plan. To augment resources, public-private participation is being encouraged.